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Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

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Paulo Fix Marques dos Santos
Sidney Fix Marques dos Santos

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Re: brother imprisoned in Argentina

Mr. Paulo Fix M. dos Santos

June 21, 1976

JACOB K. JAVITS
Senator ~~Edward Kennedy~~
Capitol Building
Senate
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Senator ~~Kennedy~~ JAVITS

Knowing your deep commitment to the preservation of human rights, I am seeking your help on behalf of my brother, taken prisoner in Argentina four months ago.

My brother, Sidney Fix Marques dos Santos, age 36 and a Brazilian citizen, has lived in Argentina since 1972. (His address: Calle Caldas 1384, La Paternal, Buenos Aires.) On the evening of February 15, a band of armed men brutally overpowered him on the street in Buenos Aires and took him away with them. Later that evening they ransacked his apartment, saying despite their civilian clothes, that they were members of the Federal Political Police (Superintendencia de Seguridad Federal).

All the considerable efforts made by the rest of my family in Brazil to learn the status and whereabouts of my brother in Argentina have had no effect. The official information supplied by the Argentinian government is that they know nothing about my brother.

We can only presume that my brother's arrest is related to the military coup enacted in that country a few weeks later. We desperately hope that Sidney Marques dos Santos is still alive, one of the many political prisoners presently held by the Argentine Military Forces.

In the name of my family, including his wife and young daughter, and all those who believe in basic human rights, I ask for your help in learning the situation of my brother.

As further background, I am enclosing some of the many letters of support we have received from various organizations:

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- United Nations - The High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva
- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Organization of American States, Washington, D. C.
- International Association of Democratic Lawyers, Brussels
- The Bishop of Liverpool
- The Bishop of Southwark, London

In addition to this letter to you, I am also seeking the support of Congressmen Donald Fraser and Charles O. Porter.

Thank you in advance for whatever you can do. Your support can be crucial to my brother's life.

Looking forward to your answer!

Paulo Fix Marques dos Santos

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ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006 U. S. A.

16 de marzo de 1976

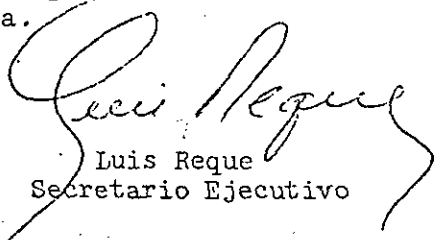
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Estimado señor Dos Santos:

Cúmpleme referirme a su comunicación de 1° de los corrientes, relacionada con la situación de Sidney Fix Marques Dos Santos, en la República Argentina.

La Comisión, en nota de 15 de marzo de 1976, solicitó del Gobierno de la Argentina la información correspondiente sobre los hechos denunciados por usted. Tan pronto recibamos respuesta de dicho Gobierno la haremos de su conocimiento.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para expresar a usted el testimonio de mi consideración más distinguida.


Luis Reque
Secretario Ejecutivo

Señor
Paulo Fix Marques Dos Santos

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inquirer.

I have been reading with some concern
reports about the disappearance of Sidney Margul
as follows. I am convinced that he seems to
have been denied basic human rights. If there
is a case against him, he should be brought
speedily to trial. If no charges are to be
brought, he should be released.

If he is not to be released, I hope
you can make known immediately what

the case against him is.

Yours sincerely

David Liverpool

The Bishop of Liverpool

MS/AC

LONDON, SW18 1BZ

Minister of Interior,
Casa de Gobierno,
Balcarce 50,
Buenos Aires, Argentina

March 18th 1976

Dear Sir,

I demand immediate information on the whereabouts of Sidney Marques Dos Santos, Journalist, who disappeared on the 15th February, taken away by soldiers. I protest at the absolute lack of proof of guilt, or charges brought against him. In view of the secret arrest, and now secret detention, I demand guarantees of physical safety. If no charges are to be brought against Sidney I join my voice to that of Amnesty International and the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, to demand that Sidney Marques Dos Santos be immediately released.

Yours faithfully,

Henry Southworth

THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

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Palais des Nations
CH-1211 GENEVE 10

10 mars 1975

Chère Madame,

J'ai bien reçu votre lettre en date du 23 février 1975 portant à mon attention le cas de M. Sisóney Marques dos Santos, citoyen brésilien qui aurait été enlevé à Buenos Aires le 15 février dernier.

A la réception de votre lettre, nous avons télégraphié à notre Délégué régional pour l'Amérique latine, en poste précisément à Buenos Aires, lui demandant de nous communiquer d'urgence toute information qu'il posséderait sur ce cas et de nous faire part des démarches qu'il n'aurait pas manqué déjà d'entreprendre comme il a eu l'occasion de le faire pour des réfugiés sous mon mandat qui ont vécu malheureusement des circonstances analogues. Bien entendu, pour ma part je ne manquerai pas de donner à mon Délégué tout l'appui qui serait nécessaire.

Votre lettre me rappelle les efforts que nous avons déployés et continuons à fournir pour obtenir des informations sur la disparition - à ce jour toujours inexplicquée - d'un certain nombre de réfugiés au Chili dont Mme Welsa Gedeo Galán, réfugiée uruguayenne. Je ne veux pas croire que la détermination que tant de personnes ont démontrée ne nous permette pas un jour, que j'espère prochain, de mieux cerner les événements dont elle a pu être victime.

*Acceptez mes hommages respectueux.
Sadrudin Aga Khan.*

Sadrudin Aga Khan.

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Bruxelles, le 25 février 1976

Dr Roberto ARES
Ministro del Interior
Casa de Gobierno
BUENOS AIRES

- Argentine -

Monsieur le Ministre,

L'Association Internationale des Juristes Démocrates est profondément préoccupée par l'annonce de la disparition de M. Sidney Marques Dos Santos, universitaire brésilien réfugié en Argentine.

Des témoins ayant assisté à son enlèvement le 15 février à Buenos Aires, on ne possède toujours aucune indication sur le sort qui lui est réservé par ses ravisseurs.

Se faisant l'interprète de milliers de juristes groupés en ses rangs, l'A.I.J.D. vous demande d'user de votre haute influence pour que tout soit mis en oeuvre afin que M. Sidney Marques Dos Santos soit rendu à la liberté, que sa vie soit sauvegardée et ses ravisseurs poursuivis conformément aux lois argentines.

Nous vous remercions de votre attention et vous serions reconnaissants de bien vouloir nous transmettre toute information utile que posséderait votre département sur cette affaire.

Nous vous prions d'agréer l'assurance de notre considération distinguée.

Robert DACHET
Secrétaire général

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